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Dear Mr. Evans:

I am writing in response to your correspondence received on or about April 8, 2011 by LTC Patricia Lewis, in which you assert that she attempted to wrongfully contact your client. Please be advised that LTC Lewis was not contacting Mrs. Kreeger-Norman regarding matters related to the formal complaint of discrimination she filed on September 9, 2010 or any subsequent additional allegations and/or complaint amendments. The Agency believes that your client may have Agency documents and/or materials in her possession. Specifically, Agency officials discovered there were no documents, records, reference materials, etc. remaining in Mrs. Kreeger-Norman's office nor were there any electronic files and/or data remaining on her assigned computer after she resigned from the organization on June 24, 2010. To ascertain the location of these materials is the sole reason LTC Lewis attempted to contact your client.

Any records and/or materials related to Mrs. Kreeger-Norman performing her duties as an attorney and Agency functions are property of the federal government. This holds true even if the materials are her work product or that she may have produced during the course of her employment with the Agency. Therefore, your client must immediately return these records and/or materials in her possession, including but not limited to electronic files. Army Regulation (AR) 25-400-2, 1-8(b) states that the "maximum penalty for the willful and unlawful destruction, damage, removal, or alienation of Federal records is a fine, 3 years in prison, or both" as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 2071. Again, any documents and/or materials related to her carrying out the duties of her position or Agency operations are property of the Federal government.

If your client has any of the aforementioned materials, please send them directly to Robert Abernathy, Chief of Staff, USACIL, 4930 N, 31st Street, Forest Park, GA 30297 within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this letter. If you assert that your client does not have any of the previously described documents in her possession, please notify me in writing of this fact within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this letter. I can be reached at (202) 782-5808 to address any of your questions or concerns. You and your client's cooperation with this matter are greatly appreciated.

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